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Appln. No. 11/060,220

Attorney Docket No. 10808-224

## II. Remarks

Reconsideration and re-examination of this application in view of the above amendments and the following remarks is herein respectfully requested.

After entering this response, claims 1-24 remain pending.

*Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 103*

Claims 1-8 and 10-23 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,577,737 issued to Krochmal et al. (Krochmal) in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,779,826 B2 issued to Nakajima (Nakajima).

The Examiner relies on Krochmal to reject claims 1-8 and 10-23. Applicants respectfully submit that Krochmal was assigned or under the obligation to be assigned to Visteon Global Technologies, Inc., the assignee of the instant application at the time of invention. Therefore, Krochmal is unavailable to limit the patentability of claims 1-8 and 10-23 as defined by 35 U.S.C. §103(c). In support therefore, a copy of the Patent Assignment Abstract of Title of Krochmal, as obtained by the undersigned from the online records of the Office, is provided in Appendix A. Also provided in Appendix B, is a copy of the Assignment, recorded at 015316/0957, of the present application. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the rejection of claims 1-8 and 10-23.

Claims 9 and 24 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Krochmal in view of Nakajima and in further view of U.S. Patent No. 4,301,330 issued to Trump (Trump).

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As noted above, Krochmal is not available to limit the patentability of the present application. Accordingly, applicants respectfully request withdraw of the rejections under 35 U.S.C. §103(a).

*Conclusion*

In view of the above amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the present form of the claims are patentably distinguishable over the art of record and that this application is now in condition for allowance. Such action is requested.

Respectfully submitted by,

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# APPENDIX A



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Patent #: 6577737

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Application #: 09506295

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Title: METHOD OF DETECTING A DC OFFSET IN AN AUTOMOTIVE AUDIO SYSTEM

## Assignment: 1

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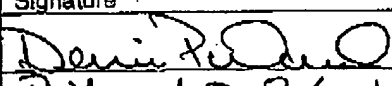
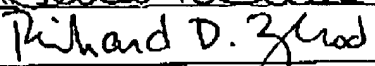
**ASSIGNMENT**

WHEREAS, we have invented: **SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR DETECTING FAULT CONDITIONS ON AUDIO OUTPUT CHANNELS**, identified as Visteon Disclosure No.: V203-0093 and Attorney Docket No.: 10541-1997, and described in the application executed on the same date hereof.

WHEREAS, VISTEON GLOBAL TECHNOLOGIES, INC., a corporation organized under the laws of the State of Michigan and located at Suite 728, Parklane Towers East, One Parklane Boulevard, Dearborn, Michigan 48126, is desirous of acquiring an exclusive right to said invention.

For valuable consideration, receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, we hereby sell and assign to VISTEON GLOBAL TECHNOLOGIES, INC., the full and exclusive right to said invention, to all patent applications for said invention in the United States and in all other countries, including all rights of priority in and to said invention in such other countries, and to all patents issued on said invention in the United States and in all other countries; and we hereby request the Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office to issue all patents on said invention to VISTEON GLOBAL TECHNOLOGIES, INC, as the assignee.

Executed by:

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